



2014-15 ISTEP+ Guidance

Spring 2015 ISTEP+: Two Windows

- **ISTEP+ Part 1**
 - March Administration – Applied Skills Items (*Online voluntary*)
 - Paper/Pencil Testing Window: March 2 - 11, 2015
 - Online Testing Window: March 2 - 13, 2015
- **ISTEP+ Part 2**
 - April/May Administration (*Online required*)
 - Paper/Pencil Testing Window (Requires Pre-Approval): April 27 – May 8, 2015
 - Multiple-Choice and Gridded-Response Items
 - Online Testing Window: April 27 – May 15, 2015
 - Multiple-Choice and Technology-Enhanced Items

Test Blueprints

- Provide “big picture” view of strands/reporting categories
- Assist in prioritizing curriculum
- Enhance instructional planning
- Guide development of classroom assessments

Instructional and Assessment Guidance

- Provides “granular” view of standards
- Informs curricular and instructional priorities
- Provides transparency regarding assessments

Experience CCRA (*Teachers encouraged to use as an instructional tool!*)

- Technology-enhanced item types
- Training for students and educators
- Engaging and interactive

Acuity Readiness Assessments

- Grades 3-8, ELA and Math
- Replace Predictive and Diagnostic paths
- Aligned to the CCR 2014 Indiana Academic Standards
- 3 administrations – serve as pretest/diagnostic assessment

Transitions: IMAST

- Federal regulations discontinued modified assessments after 2013-14 – Indiana’s IMAST
- “IMAST Transition” resources/information available
 - Refer to Office of Student Assessment webpage
- IMPORTANT: Provide local support necessary to students formerly participating in IMAST

Resolution – 2015-16 Assessments *(Passed by Education Roundtable and State Board of Education)*

- Summative Assessment (Grades 3-10)
 - Grade 10 ISTEP+ becomes new Graduation Examination
 - Phase-out ECAs (Algebra I, English 10)
 - High School Science Assessment based on Biology I
- IREAD-3
- Alternate assessments (Grades 3-10)
- Formative assessments (Grades K-10)
- College- and Career-Readiness Exam (Grade 11)
- Grade 11, 12 assessments (focused on college and career)

Spring 2015 ISTEP+ Development & Implementation

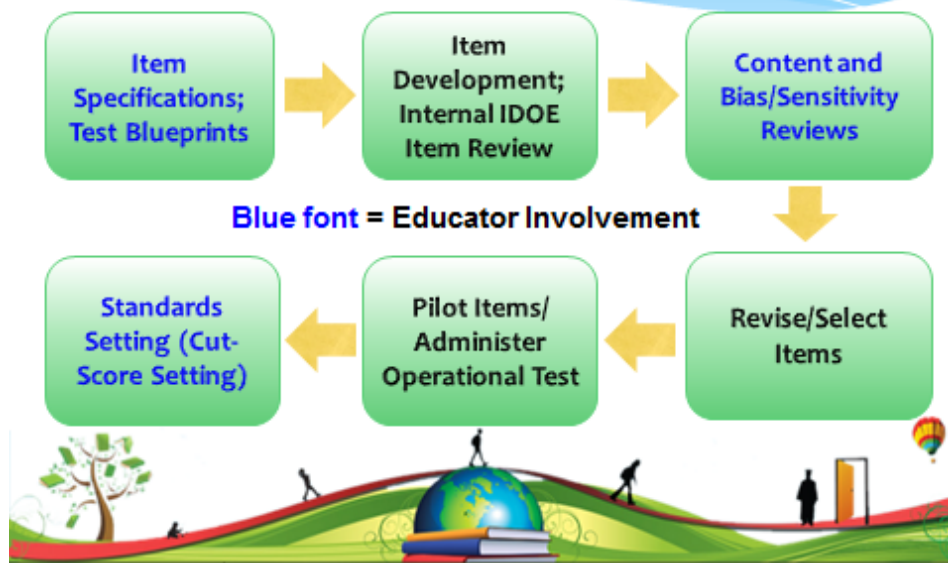
Assessment Aligned to College- and Career-Ready 2014

Indiana Academic Standards (IAS)

Activity	ECA Timeline
Specification Review Meetings and Test Blueprint Development*	May/June 2014
Passage Review Meetings*	Early June 2014
Item Development	June – August 2014
Content Review and Bias/Sensitivity Review Meetings*	August – September 2014
Test Form Selection and Build	Fall 2014
Administer Open-ended Items	March 2015
Administer Machine-scored Items	April/May 2015
Standards Setting (Cut-Score Setting)*	Summer 2015

*Includes educator involvement

Assessment Development Journey



Support for Educators: ISTEP+

Support	Timeline
Test Blueprints	Posted Early July
Instructional and Assessment Guidance	Posted Late August
Acuity Readiness Assessments	Available Late September
Professional Development (Live and Recorded): Open-Ended Items and Technology-Enhanced Items	September/October
Experience College- and Career-Ready Assessment (Sample technology-enhanced items for use with students, teachers, parents, and others)	Early October

Resources for Assessment Guidance

- School Test Coordinator (STC)
- Corporation Test Coordinator (CTC)
- Office of Student Assessment
 - Telephone: (317) 232-9050
 - Toll Free: (888) 544-7837
 - Fax: (317) 233-2196
 - Email: istep@doe.in.gov
 - Website: <http://www.doe.in.gov/assessment>